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Dear Parent/Guardian

Highlights of the week

Year 11 have started their written GCSE papers in earnest with the full cohort taking the first biology paper this morning. The invigilators are very pleased with how they have conducted themselves in the exam hall and also how the younger year groups quietly visited the canteen at break. We look forward to celebrating with them in their end of term assembly on Monday after the English literature exam. Thank you to everyone who attended the year 8 parents evening on Wednesday, there was a lovely atmosphere around the English block and outside as students and parents chatted between appointments and it was lovely to be able to meet more members of the MECE community. I appreciated all your good wishes for me in my new role and the feedback and questions about the school. We look forward to welcoming the families of year 7 students on Thursday 23 May. During tutor time this week year 9 have been sharing presentations on the theme of community and citizenship - Miss Biddiss was really impressed with the thoughtful ideas, the teamwork and the quality of the presentations. A real example of the school value of 'working together' in action!

World of Work

This week year 10 have been immersed in a week of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance, designed to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks for Careers education in schools. They have really impressed our external visitors in talks about Further Education options and in Employer-led workshops. They have also risen to the challenge in teacher-led workshops such as CV writing, body language and budgeting! For many students the most impactful day was Thursday's work shadowing day when they had a taste of a real day at work. Already my inbox is filling up with positive feedback about how polite and hardworking MECE students were. One employer said "my industry is crying out for youngsters just like him, it was a joy having him around" well done to Mitch who has clearly done himself and the school proud! A huge thank you to Mrs Hill and Miss Dunn for all the work that has gone into organising the week and to the teachers, staff and parents who supported the workshops and the work shadow event. If you are able to offer a one day experience at your workplace for a year 10 student this time next year, do get in touch, it has the potential to set up a student on their future career path and give them the motivation they need to achieve at school.

New timetable and expectations

On Monday 13 May we start the week with an extended tutor time and headteacher's assemblies, we have rewritten the timetable to ensure that almost all cover is now removed and we are taking this opportunity to set out our expectations of students in years 7-10 to ensure that we get the very best from our students in the final term of the school year. All classes have had the opportunity to discuss the lesson expectations and conduct expectations which are set out



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below and I was very proud of the mature way that they reflected on their pledges to make the school a better place to learn.



Lesson expectations

1. Calm and purposeful **start of lesson routines** including prompt register and silent 'do now'
2. **One voice** and independent work is **silent work**
3. **Hands down** questioning
4. Regular **retrieval**
5. Active **participation** and independence
6. **Homework** completed regularly



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Conduct expectations

1. **Be on time**
2. **Wear full uniform**
3. **Be fully equipped** with tools for learning, exercise book and PE kit
4. Follow instructions **first time, every time**
5. Show **respect** to all members of the MECE community in your actions and language
6. Show **care for the site**



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Do continue to contact us at meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org with any feedback or questions you may have.

Best wishes

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Headteacher



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